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DWR Announces New Work on Perris Dam

SACRAMENTO – On Monday, January 29, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will begin additional geologic exploration along the base of Perris Dam. Topographic surveys will also be performed near the dam and along the proposed alignment of the emergency release channel.

The information gathered from this work will provide DWR with a better understanding of subsurface soil and water conditions needed to design the repair for the dam. The exploration studies and topographic surveys will take about three months to complete.

In 2005, DWR identified potential seismic safety risks in the foundation of Perris Dam. While there is no imminent threat to life or property, in the interest of ensuring the maximum public safety, the state lowered the water level of Lake Perris until repairs are made.

Lake Perris is located in northern Riverside County, and is the southernmost State Water Project Facility and the southern terminus of the East Branch of the California aqueduct. The Lake Perris State Recreation Area is one of the state's most popular recreation destinations, with an average attendance of 1.1 million visitors.

If you have comments or questions, please contact DWR at perrisdam@water.ca.gov.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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